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TO: Minerals Mine File

FROM: D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor *DWH FOR WAYNE HEDBERG*

RE: Meeting Documentation, Basin Perlite Company, Pearl Queen Mine, M/001/027, Beaver County, Utah

Date of Meeting: June 29, 2001  
Location: Division Offices  
Time of Meeting: 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
Participants: O. Jay Gatten - Pearl Queen Perlite Corporation; Wayne Hedberg, Tom Munson and Doug Jensen - DOGM

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss operator concerns and confusion over Division's latest mine plan review documents.

Division staff met with Jay Gatten at the Division offices on June 29<sup>th</sup>, to discuss concerns over his receipt of the Division's latest (6/12/01) review correspondence regarding a permit revision to the Pearl Queen Mine. We received a letter from Mr. Gatten on June 27, 2001, wherein he expressed his concern and frustration over the extended delay in finalizing our approval of their permit modifications for the perlite mine and millsite.

I assured Mr. Gatten that the delays in completing the processing of the permit amendments were not intentional and that we have kept these permit actions at the top of our priority list for some time now. I explained that we are as anxious as his company is to complete the review process as expeditiously as possible. I also stated that it is often a failure to communicate effectively with one another that causes the confusion and misunderstanding of how serious a concern is and what our needs truly are. I explained that most of the remaining comments were requests for clarification of the language provided in their revised mining and reclamation plan and we did not foresee any significant technical issues that couldn't be resolved quite easily.

We proceeded to go through our latest review comments one by one. We explained exactly what was intended and what we needed to resolve the comment. Mr. Gatten read some draft prepared responses and took notes from staff on possible language modifications to improve his final draft reply. He also brought a recently revised 1 inch = 400 feet surface disturbance map which we used to discuss the proposed mine development and ultimate reclamation plan. Some minor disturbed area boundary changes

were drawn onto his map to allow for the waste dump slope reduction upon final reclamation. Jay will modify the map accordingly and return a copy with his written response to our June 12, 2001 review.

Mr. Gatten agreed to do the following as a result of the meeting discussions:

1. Seek a letter from Circle Four Farms (land owner) requesting that the rail spur be left upon final reclamation of the millsite facilities for their continued post mine use and responsibility.
2. Contact Rod Smith, their consulting engineer, to have him send Doug the promised revised bond summary sheet so that Doug can finalize the bond estimate calculations for the millsite.
3. Prepare a draft written response to our June 12, 2001 review letter and fax it over for our review next week, before he finalizes same.
4. Revise the disturbed area map to reflect a minor "bulge" in the disturbed area boundary at the regraded toe of the waste dump outslope.

We gave Mr. Gatten copies of our Reclamation Contract Agreement, the guideline form and two surety bond forms (one multiple agency bond form and one single agency bond form). He will complete the forms in draft and return them next week for our review. He also hopes to provide us with the other requested information by next week if possible.

Mr. Gatten mentioned that they have had some delays in getting the archeological survey clearance work completed. It is apparently now finished. We advised Mr. Gatten of a recent phone call we received this past week from Mr. Kenny Wintch of SITLA. Apparently SITLA has received a recent protest to the archeological survey work conducted in the area. Mr. Wintch will be looking into the validity and resolution of the protest next week.

At the conclusion of the meeting, we agreed it would be worthwhile to have Doug and Tom meet onsite with Mr. Gatten later this summer or fall to discuss and explore possible alternatives which may improve the final reclamation plan.

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cc: Jay Gatten, North American Exploration, Inc.  
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